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RE: Application Serial No.: 09/462,480

Applicants: Brigitte GICQUEL et al.

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For: A POLYNUCLEOTIDE FUNCTIONALLY CODING  
FOR THE LHP PROTEIN FROM  
MYCOBACTERIUM TUBERCULOSIS, ITS  
BIOLOGICALLY ACTIVE DERIVATIVE  
FRAGMENTS, AS WELL AS METHODS USING  
THE SAME

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Examiner: SWARTZ, R.P.

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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

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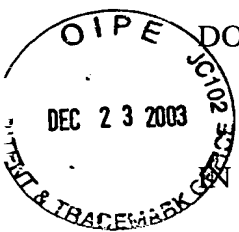
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SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated September 23, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this response.

**Support for the Amendment** appears on page 6 of this response.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this response.